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Summary

The present document contains the quarterly report on the situation of gratis personnel during the period from 1 January to 31 March 2000.



I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, in paragraph 6 of which the Secretary-General was requested to report on a quarterly basis on the acceptance of the gratis personnel referred to in paragraph 4 of the resolution, with a view to ensuring compliance with its provisions.

2. The present report updates previous quarterly reports (A/52/709 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/43, A/C.5/52/51, A/C.5/52/56, A/53/715, A/C.5/53/54, A/C.5/53/59, A/53/1028, A/54/533 and A/C.5/54/51) and covers the period from 1 January to 31 March 2000.

II. Quarterly report on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2000

3. During the period from 1 January to 31 March 2000, the number of gratis personnel was reduced by 17, from 18 to 1. The remaining person is working for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Field Administration and Logistics Division in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), as indicated in table 1.

4. Table 2 provides data on type I gratis personnel serving under an established regime. These are the interns, associate experts and technical cooperation experts obtained by non-reimbursable loan and gratis personnel serving with the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) (see A/51/688/Add.2, para. 4, and A/51/688/Add.3, para. 3). The total for each category as at March 31 2000 is compared with the numbers contained in previous reports. Prior to 1999, associate experts and technical cooperation experts were not recorded in the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) and were reported separately. Therefore, the increase in their number may be partly attributable to incomplete reporting in previous periods. Also, databases for interns and UNSCOM staff were recently readjusted and synchronized with IMIS.

5. Finally, table 3 shows nationalities and functions performed for the type II personnel remaining on board as of 31 March 2000.

Abbreviations used in the tables

DPKO/FALD	Department of Peacekeeping Operations/ Field Administration and Logistics Division
UNSCOM	United Nations Special Commission
UNTAET	United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Table 1
Quarterly report on the number of engagements and separations of type II gratis personnel

(1 January-31 March 2000)

Department or office	Number as at 31 December 1999	Number engaged in January	Number separated in January	Number as at 31 January 2000	Number engaged in February	Number separated in February	Number as at 29 February 2000	Number engaged in March	Number separated in March	Number as at 31 March 2000
DPKO/FALD	18	0	0	18	0	10	8	0	7	1

Table 2
Evolution of type I gratis personnel

As at	Interns	Associate experts ^a	Technical cooperation experts ^b	UNSC/OM ^c	Total
31 October 1996	131	76	31	112	350
30 September 1997	195	72	32	109	408
30 September 1998	214	115	31	18	378
31 December 1998	30	274	32	36	372
31 March 1999	122	295	29	30	476
30 June 1999	316	317	25	26	684
30 September 1999	289	314	18	25	646
31 December 1999	39	245	16	24	324
31 March 2000	40	282	13	17	352

^a 200 series.

^b See ST/AI/231/Rev.1

^c See S/22508.

Table 3
Functions performed by type II gratis personnel in service, by department or office

(as at 31 March 2000)

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Field Administration and Logistics Division

Country of nationality	Function	Number of persons	Duration of engagement
Australia	Water and sanitation expert	1	Under 1 year